# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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EXCAVATION WORK IN GOA
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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has carried out any excavation work in Goa;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount spent on excavation work in Goa during each of the last three years;

(d) whether any significant evidence of any historical monuments has been established; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

MINISTER FOR INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The Archaeological Survey of India has carried out excavation at Chandore, Taluk Salcette, Goa, during the seasons 1999-2000 to 2002-2003. The excavations have brought to light plan of a brick temple and a long enclosure wall. Besides, squarish platforms and a solid plinth, datable to circa 11th century A.D., were also unearthed. In addition to above, scientific clearance within the Augustine Complex of 17th century, and within St. Paul College site, have been carried out.

(c) The amount spent on excavation and scientific clearance in Goa during each of the last three years is as below:

| Year | Expenditure |
|---|---|
| 2002-03 | 6,79,842/- |
| 2003-04 | 2,73,229/- |
| 2004-05 | 5,99,041/- |

(d) & (e) In the course of scientific clearance within the St. Augustinian Complex, a chapter chapel has been exposed, where relics of the Queen Ketevan, a patron saint of Georgia, were believed to have been buried.